



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of  
STEVEN M. GROPP  
For: FUEL DISPENSING AND CONTAINMENT  
ASSEMBLY  
Serial No. 10/078,575  
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**PATENT**  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In the specification on page 1 before line 3, please add the following new paragraph:

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation of applicant's application serial number 10/078,575  
filed February 20, 2002.

Claims 1-12 of the parent application have been allowed and the present preliminary  
amendment amends Claims 1, 10, and 12 and adds new claims 13-16.